

**Amendments to the Claims**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A safety razor apparatus having a grip portion connected to a blade assembly, the blade assembly comprising:

two guiding members, each guiding member having a top surface for abutting against skin, at least one of the two guiding members is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to a plane;

one or more blades disposed between said two guiding members, each blade having a cutting edge, the cutting edge of each blade and said top surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in ~~one-the~~ plane, at least one of the two guiding members is an adjustable guiding member that is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane; and

a mechanism ~~operable to be actuated while shaving to adjust a position of the adjustable guiding member~~ relative the cutting edges, the mechanism includes

a first element for up-down movement, the first element and the adjustable guiding member are attached and are of substantially same size,

a second element ~~for having a second inclined surface movably connected to the first inclined surface, wherein a force causing lateral movement of the second element~~

enables raising and lowering the first element, and

at least two resilient elements for maintaining friction between the first and second element for preventing lateral movement of the second element without the force~~the adjustable guiding member parallel to the other guiding member, wherein a lateral displacement of the second element in a direction parallel to said plane moves the adjustable guiding member in the direction perpendicular to said plane.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adjustable guiding member can be fixed in at least one of two positions with respect to the plane.

4. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the adjustable guiding member can be fixed in at least one position between said two positions.

5. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top surface of said adjustable guiding member is adjustable between and including a lowermost position, where the top surface of the adjustable guiding member is in said plane and an uppermost position, where the top surface of the adjustable guiding member is above said plane.

6. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein only one of said two guiding members is adjustable.

7. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a frame and wherein the mechanism is movably positioned in the frame, said top surface of the adjustable guiding member extends outside said frame, the at least two resilient elements providing tension to press the first and second elements against each other.

8. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said at least two resilient elements are a pair of helical springs.

9. (Currently amended) A blade assembly for a safety razor apparatus, the blade assembly comprising:

two guiding members, each guiding member having a top surface for abutting against skin, a position of at least one of the two guiding members is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to a plane;

one or more blades disposed between said two guiding members, each blade having a cutting edge, the cutting edge of each blade and said top surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in ~~one the plane, a position of at least one of~~

the two guiding members is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane; and

a mechanism operable to be actuated while shaving to adjust the position of the at least one adjustable of the two guiding members, the mechanism includes

a first element having a first inclined surface for up-down movement, the first element and the adjustable guiding member are attached and are of substantially same size,

a second element for having a second inclined surface movably connected to the first inclined surface, wherein a force causing lateral movement, of the second element enables raising and lowering of the first element, and

at least two resilient elements for maintaining friction between the first and second elements for preventing lateral movement of the second element without the force the adjustable guiding member parallel to the other guiding member, wherein a lateral displacement of the second element in a direction parallel to said plane moves the adjustable guiding member in the direction perpendicular to said plane.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one guiding member is adjustable to an uppermost position, where the top surface of the at least one adjustable guiding member is disposed at a distance of greater than 2mm above said plane and is adjustable to a lowermost position, where the top surface of the at

least one guiding member is in said plane.

12. (Previously presented) The blade assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the position of the at least one of the two guiding members is adjustable to an uppermost position where said top surface is disposed at a distance of greater than 2 mm above said plane and is adjustable to a lowermost position where the top surface of the at least one of the two guiding members is in said plane.

13. (Currently amended) A safety razor apparatus having a grip portion connected to a blade assembly, the blade assembly comprising:

two guiding members, each guiding member having a top surface for abutting against skin, at least one of the two guiding members is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to a plane;

one or more blades disposed between said two guiding members, each blade having a cutting edge, the cutting edge of each blade and said top surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in ~~one the plane, at least one of said two guiding members is an adjustable guiding member that is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane,~~ the adjustable guiding member is a lubricating member and the other of said two guiding members is a skin stretching member, the adjustable guiding member is positioned to contact a portion of skin after the one or more blades,

a mechanism ~~operable to be actuated while shaving to~~ adjust a position of the

adjustable guiding member relative the cutting edges, the mechanism includes

a first element having a first inclined surface~~for up-down movement~~, the first element and the adjustable guiding member are attached and are of substantially same size,

a second element ~~for~~ having a second inclined surface movably connected to the first inclined surface, wherein a force causing lateral movement, the second element raising and lowering the first element, and

at least two resilient elements for maintaining friction between the first and second elements for preventing lateral movement of the second element without the force  
~~the adjustable guiding member parallel to the other guiding member, wherein a lateral displacement of the second element in a direction parallel to said plane moves the adjustable guiding member in the direction perpendicular to said plane.~~

14. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adjustable guiding member is a lubricating member and wherein the other of the two guiding members is a skin stretching member, and wherein the adjustable guiding member is positioned to contact a portion of skin after the one or more blades.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein each

one of the pair of spring means corresponds to one of the first and second pairs of mutually opposing inclined surfaces providing tension to press the first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other and to press the second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other.

17. (Previously presented) The blade assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one of the two guiding members is a lubricating member and wherein the other of the two guiding members is a skin stretching member, and wherein the at least one of the two guiding members is positioned to contact a portion of skin after the one or more blades.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The blade assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein each one of the at least two resilient elements providing tension to press the first and second elements against each other.